REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 5-67 remain pending, claims 1-4 having been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants have amended the title to read --Orientation Discrimination in a Position-Coding Pattern-- to be more descriptive of the claimed invention. Furthermore, Applicants have submitted a new abstract for consistency with the claimed subject matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 5-67 are allowed. Because only allowed claims remain pending in the present application, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in clear condition for allowance.
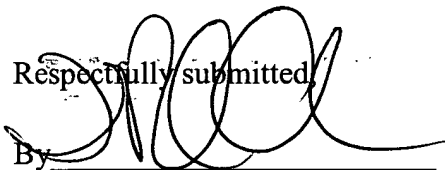
Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by Fahraeus. Without agreeing with the Examiner's reasoning in support of this rejection, Applicants note that claims 1-4 have been canceled herein. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the prior art rejection be withdrawn

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson Reg. No. 40,439 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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